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# Miss Knight Is Said to Have New CIA Phone

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In violation of earlier instructions by her State Department superiors, Frances G. Knight, director of the office of passports, reportedly has ordered a direct "scrambler" telephone to the Central Intelligence Agency installed in her offices.

State Department spokesmen either refused to discuss the matter on security grounds or, in one case, denied it but refused to check further. However, a high-ranking Administration official said yesterday that he "presumed" the order from Miss Knight was filled and that the CIA phone was in operation.

It was also learned from reliable official sources that Miss Knight has on her staff at least three persons in "intimate" contact with the CIA—if not directly in that Agency's employ.

Three years ago, Miss Knight was ordered to end her direct connections with the CIA—and especially to remove a private CIA line she had then—so that all necessary requests for security information could be channelled through the State Department's Intelligence and Research Bureau.

A private security phone to the CIA gives the Passport Office the potential of getting and giving security information on various matters without the knowledge of the Secretary of State or his undersecretaries.

The matters could include—as they have in the recent past—the granting of special passports to CIA agents and the agents of other intelligence agencies.

There had been complaints by U.S. ambassadors that they were not informed of the identity of CIA agents in their

embassies, although it is a matter of White House policy that the ambassadors be so notified.

The order cutting off Miss Knight's direct contact with the CIA was issued three years ago by the Security and Consular Affairs Bureau Administrator, Abba P. Schwartz, who resigned a month ago when he found out a secret reorganization plan would abolish his job and the SCA Bureau.

Schwartz said yesterday that he had no way of knowing if Miss Knight's private line was already in operation, but he said that he was told about her ordering the device some three weeks before he quit the department.

## Senate Report Details

### State Department Feud

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee yesterday issued 295 pages of testimony devoted mainly to Passport Director Frances Knight's grievances against her superiors in the Department of State.

Over her objections, the testimony revealed, the Department eliminated the requirement that children under 5 years of age must be photographed in order to get a passport. The form of the Secretary of State's signature on passports was changed without her approval. The Defense Department's request for five-year passports for servicemen overseas was honored despite her protests.

Miss Knight was further aggrieved, the testimony shows, by Departmental decisions curtailing direct contacts between her office and members of Congress, the press, and agencies such as the FBI that re-

quested surveillance checks on American traveling abroad.

The principal target of her criticisms—and of criticisms by the Subcommittee itself—was Miss Knight's former superior, Abba P. Schwartz, administrator of the Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs until his resignation on March 5. The Passport Office is a subsidiary of that Bureau.

Miss Knight, the record shows, wanted the Bureau abolished, a recommendation that has since been endorsed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Her views on that score are recorded in a memorandum of an interview in November, 1962, between Miss Knight and Eugene L. Krizek of the Department's Office of Public Affairs.

The memorandum, written by Krizek, states: "Miss Knight said she objected to 'other people moving in on her efficient operation' and emulating it for their own purposes. I got the distinct impression that she objected to being harnessed to the chain of command and would prefer to be separated from the Bureau. She indicated that the 'Bureau of SCA was only created to give Scott McLeod (a protege of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy) a job and was a hodgepodge that once included personnel, which was taken away after he botched it up.' In her judgement SCA should be abolished."

Elsewhere in the memorandum, Krizek quotes Miss Knight as "having no confidence" in the Justice Department, as taking the position that "the courts don't care" and of fearing that "patriotism is going down."

As a result of these and other

frictions, Schwartz conceded under questioning by the subcommittee, he desired to relieve Miss Knight of her duties in the Passport Office and that he had discussed the problem with various superiors, including Under Secretary of State George Ball.

Nothing came of his proposal, however, partly because of the intervention of Miss Knight's allies in Congress, including members of the Internal Security Subcommittee.

Shortly after the Subcommittee hearings were concluded in 1965, the State Department devised a reorganization plan eliminating Schwartz's office.